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Letter dated 2 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour of writing to you on behalf of the L-69, a diverse group of countries, made up largely of small States in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia and the Pacific, who are united by a common cause: to achieve lasting and comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council.

During the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, the L-69 Group presented the full particulars of our assertions that 183 Member States had participated in the intergovernmental negotiations or in the Assembly debate on the topic of Security Council reform, and that, since 2009, 164 Member States had called for a text to serve as the basis of negotiations (see annexes I and II).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annexes as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 122 on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Inga Rhonda **King**
Permanent Representative

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Annex I to the letter dated 2 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General[1]

List of Member States that have participated in the intergovernmental negotiations, or have made statements on the record, on the topic of Security Council reform in the General Assembly, since the beginning of the intergovernmental negotiations, in 2009

On the basis of the statements made in the General Assembly, the intergovernmental negotiations and contributions to the framework document and its annex, we assert that 183 Member States have actively participated in the intergovernmental negotiations process since it commenced.

We have identified statements on Security Council reform (since the beginning of the intergovernmental negotiations process in 2009) for all Member States except the following 10 Member States: Albania, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Israel, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

It is important to note that 7 of these 10 Member States did, in fact, participate in the intergovernmental negotiations process, albeit not through statements that can be found, but rather by signing the letter sent to the ambassador of Afghanistan, Zahir Tanin, then the chair of intergovernmental negotiations, in 2009. In that letter, the Member States requested him to present "a text with options to serve as a basis for negotiations". These seven Member States are Andorra, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. This leaves only three Member States for which no record of participation has yet been found: Albania, Azerbaijan and Israel.

If these seven Member States were to be taken into account, the number of countries that have engaged in the process since the commencement of the intergovernmental negotiations would actually be 190.

The complete list of 183 countries, along with details of their statements in the General Assembly plenary, intergovernmental negotiation meetings and contributions to the framework document, follows (see appendix).

[1] The present annex is intended to be illustrative and does not provide an exhaustive list of statements by Member States in the General Assembly or in the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform.

Appendix

List of 183 countries with details regarding their statements in the General Assembly plenary and intergovernmental negotiation meetings, along with contributions to the framework document

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Afghanistan	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Algeria	General Assembly: November 2011 and November 2014.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Angola	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Antigua and Barbuda	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2014 and October 2015.
Argentina	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Armenia	Intergovernmental negotiations: March 2009.
Australia	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012 and November 2016.
Austria	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2014.
Bahamas	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2014 and October 2015.
Bahrain	General Assembly: November 2010.
	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Bangladesh	General Assembly: November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Barbados	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2014 and October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations (CARICOM): April 2017.
Belarus	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011 and November 2012.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Belgium	General Assembly: November 2010 and October 2015.
	General Assembly (Belgium and Netherlands): November 2011, November 2012 and November 2014.
	General Assembly (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg): November 2016.
Belize	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2014 and October 2015.
Benin	General Assembly: November 2014.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: May 2017.
Bhutan	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	General Assembly: November 2013.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: 11 April 2014.
Botswana	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Brazil	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (G-4): November 2014.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Brunei Darussalam	Framework document.
Bulgaria	Intergovernmental negotiations: May 2012.
Burkina Faso	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Burundi	General Assembly: November 2014.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February and March 2017.
Cabo Verde	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Cambodia	General Assembly: November 2014.
Cameroon	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Canada	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March 2017.
Central African Republic	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Chad	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Chile	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April and May 2017.
China	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Colombia	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Comoros	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Congo	General Assembly: November 2012, November 2014 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Costa Rica	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014 and October 2015.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Côte d'Ivoire	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Croatia	General Assembly: October 2015.
Cuba	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March, April and May 2017.
Cyprus	General Assembly: November 2013.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: May 2014, February 2015 (statement at preliminary meeting) and May 2017.
Czech Republic	Framework document.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February 2017.
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	General Assembly: November 2012, October 2015 and November 2016.
Democratic Republic of the Congo	General Assembly: November 2012 and November 2014.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Denmark	General Assembly (Nordic Group): October 2015 and November 2016.
Djibouti	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Dominica	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
Dominican Republic	General Assembly: November 2010 and November 2011.
Ecuador	General Assembly: October 2015 and November 2016.
Egypt	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
El Salvador	General Assembly: November 2012.
Equatorial Guinea	General Assembly: November 2011.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Eritrea	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Estonia	Framework document.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February and March 2017.
Ethiopia	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Fiji	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
Finland	General Assembly (Nordic Group): October 2015 and November 2016.
France	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Gabon	General Assembly: November 2016.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Gambia	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Georgia	General Assembly: November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March and May 2017.
Germany	General Assembly: November 2014.
	General Assembly (G-4): October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March, April and May 2017.
Ghana	General Assembly: November 2010.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Greece	Intergovernmental negotiations: 11 February 2015.
Grenada	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
Guatemala	General Assembly: October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March 2017.
Guinea	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Guinea-Bissau	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Guyana	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations (CARICOM): February, March, April and May 2017.
Haiti	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
Hungary	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2013 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Iceland	General Assembly: (Nordic Group): October 2015 and November 2016.
India	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Indonesia	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	General Assembly: November 2011 and October 2015.
Iraq	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Ireland	General Assembly: November 2013.
	Framework document.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March and May 2017.
Italy	General Assembly: November 2011.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations (Uniting for Consensus Group): February, March, April and May 2017.
Jamaica	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April and May 2017.
Japan	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March and May 2017.
Jordan	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Kazakhstan	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012 and October 2015.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Kenya	General Assembly: October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Africa Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March and April 2017.
Kiribati	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2013.
Kuwait	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011 and November 2012.
	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations (Arab Group): February, April and May 2017.
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Framework document.
Latvia	General Assembly: November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February 2017.
Lebanon	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Lesotho	General Assembly: November 2010 and November 2012.
Liberia	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Libya	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Liechtenstein	General Assembly: November 2012, November 2014 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Lithuania	Framework document.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February 2017.
Luxembourg	General Assembly (Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg): November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, April and May 2017.
Madagascar	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.

Country	Date of statements or contributions to framework document
Malawi	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Malaysia	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Maldives	General Assembly: November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Mali	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Malta	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Marshall Islands	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2013.
Mauritania	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Mauritius	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Mexico	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Micronesia (Federated States of)	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010 and November 2013.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March and April 2017.
Monaco	Framework document.
Mongolia	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012 and November 2013.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March and April 2017.
Montenegro	General Assembly: November 2012.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Morocco	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March and May 2017.
Mozambique	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Myanmar	Framework document.
Namibia	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Nauru	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Nepal	General Assembly: November 2014.
Netherlands	General Assembly: November 2010.
	General Assembly (Netherlands and Belgium): November 2011, November 2012, November 2014 and November 2016.
New Zealand	General Assembly: November 2011 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March, April and May 2017.
Nicaragua	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Niger	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Nigeria	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2014 and October 2015.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Norway	General Assembly (Nordic Group): October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations (Nordic Group): February 2017.
Oman	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Pakistan	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Palau	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February 2016.
Panama	General Assembly: October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Papua New Guinea	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010 and November 2014.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Paraguay	Intergovernmental negotiations: February 2016.
Peru	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March and May 2017.
Philippines	General Assembly: November 2010 and November 2011.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March 2017.
Poland	General Assembly: October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Portugal	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2009.
	General Assembly: November 2013
Qatar	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March and April 2017.
Republic of Korea	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Republic of Moldova	Intergovernmental negotiations: March 2017.
Romania	General Assembly: November 2010 and October 2015.
Russian Federation	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Rwanda	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Saint Kitts and Nevis	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
Saint Lucia	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March 2017.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations (on behalf of L-69): February, March, April and May 2017.
Samoa	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
San Marino	General Assembly: November 2011, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015, November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March and April 2017.
Sao Tome and Principe	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Saudi Arabia	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Senegal	General Assembly: November 2011.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Serbia	Framework document.
Seychelles	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Sierra Leone	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations (African Group): February, March, April and May 2017.
Singapore	General Assembly: November 2013 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (S-5): November 2011.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Slovakia	General Assembly: November 2016.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Slovenia	General Assembly: November 2011 and November 2013.
Solomon Islands	General Assembly: November 2011 and November 2014.
	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: April 2017.
Somalia	General Assembly: October 2015.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
South Africa	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March, April and May 2017.
South Sudan	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Spain	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012 and November 2014.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015, November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Sri Lanka	Intergovernmental negotiations: 11 February 2015.
Sudan	General Assembly: November 2011.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Suriname	General Assembly: September and October 2015.
	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
Swaziland	General Assembly: November 2010.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Sweden	General Assembly (Nordic Group): October 2015 and November 2016.
Switzerland	General Assembly: November 2012, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (S-5): November 2010 and November 2011.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
Syrian Arab Republic	General Assembly: November 2016.
	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Thailand	General Assembly: November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: May 2017.
Timor-Leste	Framework document.
Togo	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Tonga	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February 2017.
Trinidad and Tobago	General Assembly (CARICOM): November 2011, November 2013, November 2014 and October 2015.
Tunisia	General Assembly: November 2011, November 2012, November 2014 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Turkey	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, October 2015 and November 2016.
	General Assembly (Uniting for Consensus Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Tuvalu	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
Uganda	General Assembly: October 2015.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Ukraine	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March and April 2017.
United Arab Emirates	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	General Assembly: November 2010, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.

Country	*Date of statements or contributions to framework document*
United Republic of Tanzania	General Assembly: November 2012.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: May 2017.
United States of America	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February, March, April and May 2017.
Uruguay	General Assembly: November 2016.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: March, April and May 2017.
Vanuatu	General Assembly (Pacific Small Island Developing States): November 2010.
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	General Assembly: November 2010, November 2011, November 2012 and October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February and March 2017.
Viet Nam	General Assembly: November 2014 and October 2015.
	Intergovernmental negotiations: February and April 2017.
Yemen	General Assembly (Arab Group): November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Zambia	General Assembly: November 2011, October 2015.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.
Zimbabwe	General Assembly: November 2011.
	General Assembly (African Group): November 2010, November 2011, November 2012, November 2013, November 2014, October 2015 and November 2016.

Abbreviations: CARICOM, Caribbean Community; G-4, Group of Four; S-5, Small Five Group.

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Number of Member States that have called for a text to serve as the basis of negotiations since the beginning of intergovernmental negotiations, in 2009

By our calculation, 164 countries are in favour of a text as the basis for negotiations.

On 23 December 2009, 138 countries wrote to the chair of the intergovernmental negotiations requesting a text with options to serve as a basis for negotiations.

It is a matter of record that the African Group, through the African Union Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government (C-10), has called for text-based negotiations. Therefore, we have added the following 20 countries from the African Group, which are not reflected in the 138 that signed the letter, to the number of Member States that have called for text-based negotiations, thereby bring bringing the number to 158: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Republic of the Congo, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone and South Sudan.

In addition, and as a matter of record, Kiribati as a Pacific small island developing State and the Netherlands as a member of Benelux, as well as Afghanistan, New Zealand, Panama and Sweden, are known to be in support of text-based negotiations and are also not included in the letter of 23 December 2009.

Thus, one can safely assert that a total of 164 Member States are in favour of commencing text-based negotiations.